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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due dated December 29, 2004 in the above referenced application, applicant is submitting a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1,114 simultaneously herewith, together with a fee for said RCE, by abandoning the parent and in order to have it re-examined by considering the documents which were cited in a search report in a counterpart foreign application and were mailed on January 20, 2005 as Information Disclosure Statement. This Information Disclosure Statement, together with the instant PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT, is intended to serve as the "submission" related to said RCE.

R E M A R K S

Claims 1-34 currently remain in the application. None of these claims has been amended.

As stated above, the instant RCE is being filed to have the aforementioned documents considered by the Examiner. The aforementioned Information Disclosure Statement was filed earlier, instead of simultaneously with the filing of the instant RCE, because the applicant's instruction to the undersigned attorney to file the instant RCE was inadvertently delayed.

Respectfully submitted,



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